



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAKAHASHI, Hideyuki et al.**

Serial No.: **09/856,497**

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Examiner: **John L. Anderson**

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For: **MEDICATION FILLING APPARATUS**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED May 20, 2003**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **May 20, 2003**.

In the Action, restriction is required between **Group (I)**, Claims 1-5 and 10-11, drawn to a medication filling apparatus with a plurality of hoppers; and **Group (II)**, Claims 6-9, drawn to a medication filling apparatus with a plurality of hoppers and a holding cell.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (I)**, Claims 1-5 and 10-11, drawn to a medication filling apparatus with a plurality of hoppers, for prosecution in this application.

This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

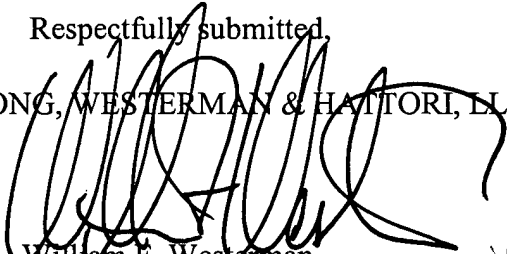
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